

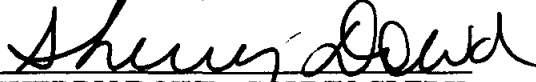
NAVARRO COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT

A special meeting of the Navarro County Commissioner's Court was held on Monday the, 23rd Day of April, 2012 AT 4:00 P.M., in the County Courtroom of the of the Navarro County Courthouse, Corsicana, Texas. Presiding HM. Davenport, Commissioners present Dick Martin, David Warren, and James Olsen

1. 4:03 P.M. Motion to convene by Comm. Olsen sec by Comm. Warren  
All voted aye motion carried
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Motion to approve Proclamation of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 22-28, 2012 presented by Karen Williams by Comm. Olsen sec by Comm. Warren  
**TO WIT PG 344**  
All voted aye motion carried
4. Motion to adjourn by Comm. Martin sec by Olsen  
All voted aye motion carried

I, SHERRY DOWD, NAVARRO COUNTY CLERK, ATTEST THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND ACCURATE ACCOUNTING OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT'S AUTHORIZED PROCEEDING FOR APRIL 23rd, 2012.

SIGNED 23rd DAY OF APRIL 2012.

  
SHERRY DOWD, COUNTY CLERK



# SAMPLE PROCLAMATION

## NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK, APRIL 22-28, 2012

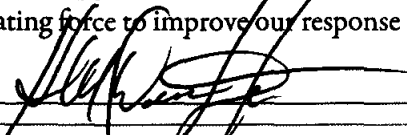
- Whereas,** 18.7 million Americans are directly harmed by crime each year, and each crime affects many more family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers;<sup>1</sup>
- Whereas,** the physical, emotional, and financial impact of crime falls on people of all ages and abilities, and of all economic, racial, and social backgrounds;
- Whereas,** in addition to these challenges, crime victims face a criminal justice system that, at times, ignores their rights and treats them with disrespect;
- Whereas,** in 1982, the President's Task Force on Victims of Crime envisioned a national commitment to a more equitable and supportive response to victims;
- Whereas,** the nation heeded this call to action and promoted victims' rights initiatives, effective and compassionate victim services, and just compensation and financial support;
- Whereas,** today, thousands of victim assistance programs provide help and support to child victims of violence and sexual abuse; stalking victims; survivors of homicide victims; victims of drunk-driving crashes; and victims of domestic, dating, and sexual violence and other crimes;
- Whereas,** now is the time to "Extend the Vision" through a comprehensive strategy for reaching and serving every victim of crime, especially traditionally underserved victims such as those with disabilities and victims from diverse cultures;
- Whereas,** the United States Department of Justice has launched the *Vision 21* initiative to renew our nation's commitment to serving all victims of crime in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century;
- Whereas,** National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 22-28, 2012, provides an opportunity to extend that vision to every victim of crime in the United States—to help ensure their access to the help they deserve and the rights they are promised;
- Whereas,** (Your Organization) is joining forces with victim service programs, criminal justice officials, and concerned citizens throughout (Your City/County/Parish/State/Tribe) and America to raise awareness of victims' rights and observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week:

Now therefore, I, H. M. DAVENPORT, Jr., as (~~Governor/County Executive/Mayor/Other Title~~) <sup>Judge</sup> of NAVARRO COUNTY do hereby proclaim the week of April 22-28, 2012, as

### NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

and reaffirm this (~~City/County/Parish/State/Tribe's~~) commitment to respect and enforce victims' rights and address their needs during *Crime Victims' Rights Week* and throughout the year; and

Express our appreciation for those victims and crime survivors who have turned personal tragedy into a motivating force to improve our response to victims of crime and build a more just community.

 (signature) 4-23-12 (date)

<sup>1</sup> Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice, *Criminal Victimization 2010*, (Washington, DC: BJS, 2011), <http://www.bjs.gov/index.cfm?ty=pbdetail&iid=2224> (accessed November 4, 2011).